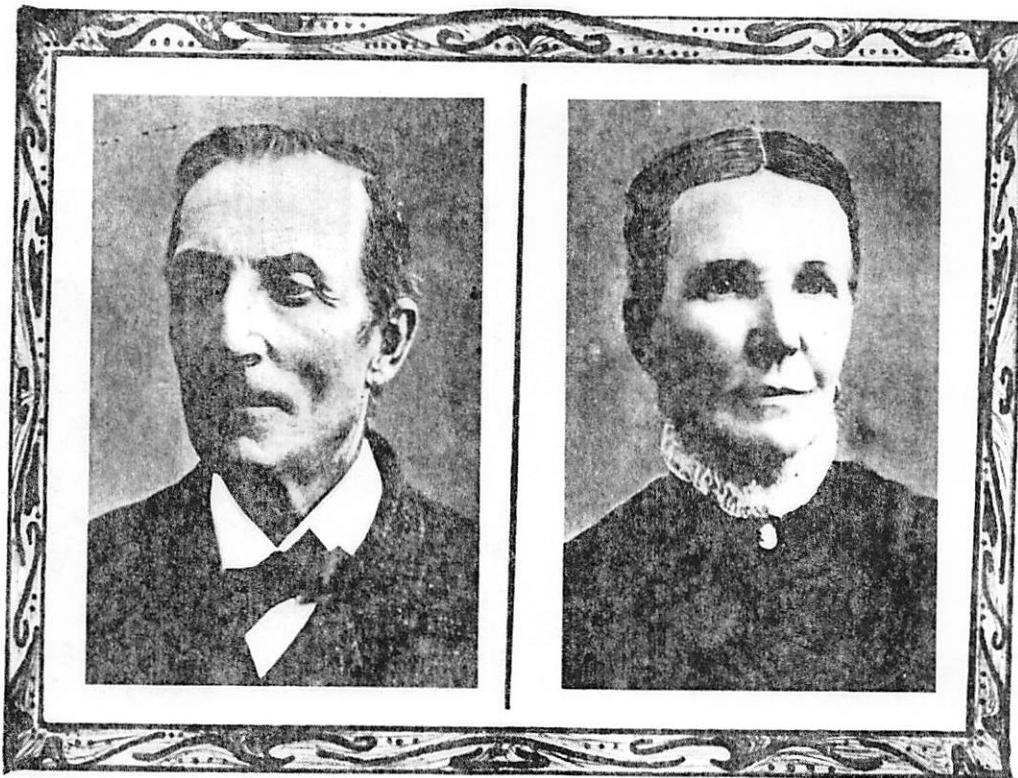


GEORGE WASHINGTON CYLDE — JANE McDONALD



We begin the history of our Clyde family in Ireland in 1724 when Hugh Clyde, a son of Daniel Clyde and Esther Rankin, was born there. Hugh died in Ireland in 1766. His son William (or Hugh or William Hugh) was born in Ireland in 1760 and emigrated to America where he participated in the American Revolutionary War. At the close of this war he settled in Vermont where he became the father of three sons. Of these three sons our Clyde family descends through George Washington Clyde, Sr. who was born in Shelburn, Vermont, in 1798. He married Cynthia Davis and to them were born eight children.¹

Of these children the eldest was George Washington Clyde, Jr., the subject of this biography. George was born July 8, 1825 at Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence Co., New York. At the age of four little George was permitted to go to live with his father's sister and her husband — Fanny Clyde and Solomon Davis, who had just lost a child. He remained with these foster parents for many years

although he was always in contact with his real parents.

When the message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was brought to their locality both the George W. Clyde, Sr. and Solomon Davis families embraced it and both migrated to Missouri to join with the saints there. Solomon Davis died enroute to Missouri. The others arrived in time to be eye-witnesses to the Haun's Mill Massacre. They then moved on with the body of the Church to become among the first to settle in Nauvoo. There in 1842 George's foster mother, Fanny Clyde Davis, married again and George went home to his own family. His father died in Nauvoo in 1844, leaving his mother with eight children to provide for.

At that time George Washington Clyde, Jr. was 19 years old. Sturdily built and mature for his age he was able to assist the family when his father was selected as one of forty special police-

¹Children of the George Washington Clyde — Cynthia Davis family were:
George Washington Clyde, Jr.
Solomon Clyde
William Morgan Clyde
Almon Clyde
Edward Clyde

Lucy Clyde who married Henry Messer and went to live at Santa Ana, California. Lorinthia Clyde died in childhood, perhaps in Missouri or Nauvoo. Solomon was slightly crippled and never married. He, with Edward and Almon, went to San Bernardino, California, a few years after the arrival of the family in Springville.

Geo. Wash. Clyde



ington and Cynthia Davis Clyde. Married Jane McDonald in Springville, a daughter of James and Sarah Ferguson McDonald, who was born June 17, 1827 at Crawfordsburn, County Down, Ireland.

At the age of four, George, Jr., was separated from his parents. A child of his father's sister, Fanny Davis, had died and he was sent to live with them to help reconcile to the loss. His aunt became so attached to the boy she wouldn't let him return. In 1834 Heber C. Kimball brought the gospel to the boy and his foster parents, and then later to his parents. His adopted father, Solomon Davis, Mrs. Davis and young George moved about a year later to Missouri with the Saints, traveling the distance from New York by ox team. On this journey, Solomon Davis died, leaving his wife with only young George. They were at Haun's Mill when the massacre occurred there. In 1842 Mrs. Davis married a man named Colton, with whom young George Jr. did not get along, so he left and sought his own parents in Nauvoo. His father died in September, 1844, leaving his mother with a large family and lowly circumstances. The family left Nauvoo at the time of the exodus, but were unable to continue. In 1850 George and his brother, William, succeeded in getting to Salt Lake where they worked and were able to obtain two yoke of oxen, a wagon and provisions. They returned to Green River, Wyoming, and met their mother and family and brought them into Utah. The family moved to Heber in 1860 and took up a homestead. When the old fort was built they moved in there. In 1874 they built a large, red sandstone home. Meanwhile, George had married Jane McDonald in Springville, and in the fall of 1860 brought her and a three week old son, Robert, to a

two-room cabin in Heber to live. They suffered all the rigors of pioneering, but through thrift and hard work were able to prosper and provided a good home and education for their children. George was a Wasatch County commissioner in 1884-85. He died March 17, 1899 and Jane died September 9, 1903.